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1. IN MEETING WITH POLITICAL DIRECTOR BLECH AND ARMS
CONTROL COMMISSIONER RUTH ON MARCH 11, THE CHARGE
PRESENTED US VIEWS ON ERW CONSULTATIONS IN ACCORDANCE
WITH REFTEL AND ASKED FOR FRG VIEWS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

2. BLECH CONFIRMED FRG READINESS TO PARTICIPATE IN NAC
CONSULTATIONS ON MARCH 20. AS FOR A FOLLOW-UP SESSION

ON MARCH 22 OR 23, HE HOPED TO BE ABLE TO EXPRESS A POSITION BY MARCH 15. HE NOTED THAT, UNTIL THE ERW ISSUE HAD BEEN CONSIDERED BY THE FEDERAL SECURITY COUNCIL ON MARCH 14, IT WAS IMPOSSIBLE TO ANTICIPATE HOW MUCH PROGRESS COULD BE MADE IN THE MARCH 20 CONSULTATIONS. AS BETWEEN MARCH 22 AND MARCH 23 FOR A POSSIBLE FOLLOW-UP MEETING, HE FAVORED MARCH 23 AS ALLOWING SLIGHTLY MORE TIME BETWEEN SESSIONS.

3. MEANWHILE, BLECH WOULD APPRECIATE INFORMATION FROM WASHINGTON ON TWO POINTS:

-- WHETHER ANYONE WILL BE COMING FROM WASHINGTON FOR THE MARCH 20 SESSION, AND WHETHER WE HAVE ANY INDICATION THAT OFFICIALS MAY BE ATTENDING FROM OTHER CAPITALS. (THE FRG AS YET HAS NO PREFERENCES ON THIS SCORE. FRG ATTENDANCE WILL DEPEND IN PART ON WHAT OTHERS ARE DOING AND IN PART ON THE EXTENT TO WHICH DECISIONS HAVE BEEN REACHED IN THE INTERIM.)

-- WHETHER THE US EXPECTS THE SECOND CONSULTATIVE SESSION TO BE IN THE NAC OR THE DPC. HIS TENTATIVE ASSUMPTION, GIVEN THE FRENCH POSITION, WAS THAT IT WOULD BE IN THE DPC.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: GUIDANCE FOR RESPONDING TO THE SECRET

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